

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is a Divisional of U.S. Appln. No.
09/740,989

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/740,989 filed December 21, 2000; the
disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Page 9, please delete the 6th paragraph and substitute therefor the following:

Figs. 23A-23C are explanatory diagrams of the recording medium playback device.